

**Governmental Affairs Committee  
Regular Meeting  
April 3, 2003-8:00 a.m.  
Tribal Office Board Room**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairman Michael Chapman called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. Those present: Laurie Boivin, Kathy Kaquatosh, Annette Warrington and Ann Marie Johnson. Ben Kaquatosh was absent.

**2. Moment of Silence -** A moment of silence was observed.

**3. Review Minutes Dated March 6, 2003-**

**Motion made by Laurie Boivin to approve the minutes dated March 6, 2003. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**4. Discuss Action Items (Motions) from Last Meeting-**

Chairman Chapman stated that the reason that the committee needs to review the previous motions is because when they went to the Legislature, the Legislature had a lot of questions and concerns regarding the motions.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the vacation days instead of merit increases motion. Committee members wanted to know if everyone would get them or do you not include the departments that are receiving the COLA increases. Committee believes everyone would be eligible for the vacation increases because COLA has nothing to do with merit increases. When the motion was made the committee was under the impression that there wouldn't be any additional financial cost in granting the vacation days. Committee questioned the fact if a Police Officers, Bus Driver or Teacher takes a vacation day, a substitute would need to be paid to replace that person and how much that would end up costing.

Committee decided to send the issue back to Ben Kaquatosh to see what kind of impact there would be for the Teachers, Law Enforcement and Bus Drivers.

Committee discussed the motion changing the three task forces into standing committee's. Committee decided that if that's the change then Ordinance 95-04 Governmental Plan will need to be amended.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the motion to establish a new Casino Board. Chairman Chapman and Laurie Boivin said that the Legislature really tore that motion apart. Chairperson Chapman stated that the Legislature didn't really realize what the committee was trying to do which was to just get it started.

Committee members stated that if the casino board will become a standing committee then another amendment would need to be made to the Government Plan Ordinance.

Chairman Chapman will speak to John Wilhelmi about adding everything into one big amendment to the Ordinance.

Committee decided to change the motions a bit and send to the Legislature to see if they accept them.

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to replace the current Casino Ad Hoc Committee with a Gaming Business Committee consisting of two (2) Legislature members and three (3) community members and that the committee become a standing committee. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to recommend that the criteria for the Gaming Business Committee be developed by the current Casino Ad Hoc Committee and that it**

**be sent to the Attorneys so that the appropriate changes can be made to the Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

**5. Review the Gaming Net Revenue Plan-**

Ann Marie Johnson gave all the committee members a copy of the plan that the Oneida's follow. Committee members all agree that the current plan this tribe has needs to be changed. Committee decided they would review the plan and discuss the issue at the next meeting.

**6. Discuss MTL Meeting Payment Rule-**

Laurie Boivin stated that it is a Legislative issue and needs to be taken up at the Legislative level. No discussion, no action taken.

**7. Collections Policy Update-**

Kathy stated that a policy was developed and was sent to John Wilhelmi for review. John has been busy with other tribal business and has not had a chance to review the policy.

**8. Other Business-**

Committee would like to review Ordinance 80-7/Accounting Manual.

**9. Adjournment-**

**Motion made by Ann Marie Johnson to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Laurie Boivin. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services